

AL-V-B-069

Beal Frame and Stone House  
Old Plank Road, Mount Savage  
Ca. 1825 and Ca. 1855

The Beal House consists of two separate sections, constructed at two different times. The one bay, two story, stone section, now located at the rear of the building, was constructed circa 1825 by Johnzee Arnold while the frame addition was added during the latter half of the 19th century by a member of the Mattingly family. The Beal House is one of a large group of stone farmhouses located in the Mount Savage area.

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The farm lies south of Old Plank Road in the Arnold's Settlement area north of Mt. Savage. The farm comprises three barns, two maple sugar camps, a spring house, a wagon shed, several small frame sheds, and the two-part farmhouse.

The two-story, four bay frame farmhouse includes a two-story two bay stone ell to the rear. Both sections are covered with gable roofs. The four bay facade faces west. A porch covers the facade. An enclosed porch covers the south side of the ell, and an open porch covers this enclosure. The semi-exposed stone cellar is accessible under the facade porch.

The facade includes two centrally located entrances flanked by 2/2 sash windows framed in plain flat boards. German siding covers the structure. The roof is covered with metal. An interior brick stove-flue chimney heats the north end. Chimneys that once heated either gable end have been torn out.

At the rear of the main section, the south end of the second story displays a 6/3 window trimmed with a broken-field architrave. Plain weatherboards sheathe this section. These features and materials may have once appeared over the remainder of this section, but were replaced in the early 20th century.

The north wall of the kitchen ell is laid in ashlar masonry. The east end is laid in random rubble masonry. Double hung 6/6 windows topped by keystone lintels light the first story, and 6/3 windows light the second story. The east end is heated by an interior stone chimney.

The interior of the main section is divided into two rooms. A boxed stair runs along the central partition in the north room. The kitchen consists of one room with a boxed stair turning in the southwest corner. The fireplace has been rebuilt in a modern style using thin cut sandstone. Cupboards flanking either side have been slightly altered.

The cellar floor is paved in brick.

Several outbuildings are found on the farm property. A large frame barn with vertical boards and stone foundation is located to the east of the main house, while a board-and-batten springhouse with high stone foundation is found on the southeastern side.

The farm is structurally sound and continues to be a working farm.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This property was acquired by Henry Mattingly from his father John in 1853. The house may have been built shortly after that. The farm includes a substantial 19th century bank barn and a fine collection of outbuildings.

The ashlar construction of the kitchen resembles that at the nearby Logsdon Stone House, AL-V-A-065, built in 1854.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AL-V-B-069

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Stegmaier, Jr., Harry. Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W.Va.: McClain Printing, Co., 1976.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 205.30

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Merry Stinson		
organization	MD Bureau of Mines	date	1982
	Maryland Historical Trust		
street & number	21 State Circle	telephone	269-2212
city or town	Annapolis	state	Maryland 21401

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-V-B-069

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Beal Frame and Stone

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER  
Old Plank RoadCITY, TOWN  
Mt. Savage☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME  
Lester Beal

Telephone #: 264-4112

STREET & NUMBER  
Rt. 1 Box 118CITY, TOWN  
Mt. Savage☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland, 21545**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 471  
Folio #: 670**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD      ☐ RUINS  
☒ FAIR      ☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Beal Frame and Stone House is located on the east side of the Old Plank Road or Hinkle Road, north of Mt. Savage, Allegany County near the Pennsylvania Line.

The Beal House basically consists of two sections that were constructed at different time periods. The original portion consists of a two story, two bay wide, rectangular shaped, stone structure laid in random ashlar bond. The structure is supported by a low stone foundation with no apparent water table. The addition to the house, which is now the main block, consists of a two story, four bay wide, rectangular shaped frame structure covered with novelty siding. The portion is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. Both portions of the house feature gable roofs that are covered with replaced asphalt materials. Eaves of the stone portion feature close verges and rafter ends, while the main block exhibits boxed cornices and return ends. Windows in the building include double hung wooden sash frames with six-over-six lights in the stone portion and two-over-two in the frame portion. All windows in the house feature wooden cornices. The main entrance is located on the front southern side and features the original four paneled door with wooden cornice. A replaced end porch is found on the front southern side. The porch features a hipped roof and entablature supported by wrought iron columns. An additional shed roof wing and porch is found on the stone portion of the house and this wing is covered with aluminum sheeting. Three original corbeled chimneys are found within the facade; two brick chimneys are located on the inside end of the frame section and a flush end stone chimney is found on the original block.

Several outbuildings are found on the farm property. A large frame barn with verticle boards and stone foundation is located to the east of the main house, while a verticle board and batten springhouse with high stone foundation is found on the southeastern side.

The farm is structurally sound and continues to be a working farm.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

Ca. 1825

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The stone section of the Beal Farm is believed to have been constructed circa 1825 of locally abundant sandstone materials. The house is one of a number of stone buildings that were constructed at the same time and in the same vicinity. The stone portion of the house is believed to have been built and the farm developed, by Johnzee Arnold circa 1825. <sup>1</sup> The theory that this farm was developed by Johnzee Arnold is based upon a will of John Mattingly in Liber A Folio 576. In this will, Mattingly bequeathed the Johnzee Arnold place to his sons in equal shares. Henry Mattingly, a son to John finally acquired the entire property by trustee in 1853.

The Mattinglys and the Arnolds were among a small group of Catholics who settled in the Mt. Savage area during the closing period of the French and Indian War. <sup>2</sup> "Although the passing of each decade saw an increase in Cumberland's population, over 85 percent of the county's citizens still lived on farms well into the (19th) century." <sup>3</sup> The period in which this house was built still depended on farming as the economic mainstay in Allegany County. "In 1835 a visitor to the region reported to a Baltimore newspaper of the hundreds and thousands of acres of the finest land in Maryland, where wheat, rye, Indian corn and oats double the size of the common product were grown." <sup>4</sup>

The large frame portion of the house is believed to have been added by another Mattingly during the last quarter of the century. The site remains a working farm and is an architectural reminder of a way of life once found in the agricultural areas of Allegany County.

1. Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland 21502
2. Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County-A History (Parsons, West Virginia: McClain Printing, Co., 1976) p. 78
3. Ibid p. 97
4. Ibid

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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McClain Printing, Co., 1976

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 205. 30

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/16/77

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-069

DATE: 5/16/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

471/670

205.30 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Beal Frame and Stone

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Old Plank Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Lester Beal

264-4112

ADDRESS: Rt. 1 Box 118

Mt. Savage, Maryland 21545

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4(X) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) 18'x24'

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & <sup>novelty</sup>batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
(X) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2(X) 6/6(X) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment(X)

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
4 Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Boxed cornice  
original(✓) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick(X) Stone(X) Corbeled(✓) original(X) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end(X) Inside end(X) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(X)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence

SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/agriculture

DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION: Fair

# I N T E R I O R

## FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

## STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

## WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) paneled: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

## FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

## DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

## NOTES:

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TITLE SEARCH

Beal Frame and Stone Farmhouse  
AL-V-B-069

Allegany County Deed: Liber 471, Folio 670  
Grantee: Lester K. Beal and Mary K. Beal Date June 14, 1974  
Grantor: Lester K. Beal and Mary K. Beal  
Notes: Tracts known as "The Resurvey of Lubberland", "The Resurvey on Rich Hill" - Known locally as the Levi Beal Farm.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 220, Folio 13  
Grantee: Lester K. Beal and Mary K. Beal Date: April 12, 1948  
Grantor: Homer R. Beal, et al

Allegany County Deed: Liber 83, Folio 44  
Grantee: Levi Beal (father of Lester and Homer Beal) and George W. Witt  
Date: March 22, 1898  
Grantor: Henry J. Wilmoth and Jennie E. Wilmoth Consideration: \$8,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 61, Folio 373  
Grantee: Henry J. Wilmoth Date: Dec. 15, 1884  
Grantor: Joseph E. Mason Consideration: \$7,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 61, Folio 372  
Grantee: Joseph E. Mason Date: Feb. 19, 1881  
Grantor: James Thomas Mattingly Consideration: \$7,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 54, Folio 144  
Grantee: James Thomas Mattingly Date: July 1, 1879  
Grantor: D. James Blackiston, Trustee

Allegany County Deed: Liber 9, Folio 526  
Grantee: Henry Mattingly Date: June 27, 1853  
Grantor: Johnathon Witt, Trustee

Allegany County Deed: Liber Q, Folio 562  
Grantee: John Witt Date: Feb. 14, 1834  
Grantor: Joseph Arnold and Johnzee Arnold

Allegany County Deed: Liber M, Folio 58  
Grantee: Johnzee Arnold Date: Nov. 6, 1823  
Grantor: George Sapp(for his wife Margaret Logsdon Sapp)

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150 000 FEET  
(PA.)

450 000 FEET  
(W. VA.)

4399

42'30"

4397

FROSTBURG 4.1 MI  
MORANTOWN 1.8 MI

33 III NW  
(STBURG)

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Beal Frame + Stone House  
Hinkle Rd., Mt Savage  
USGS - Cumberland Quad  
1:24,000  
1949

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Mount Savage

George Creek

Barreville

Bush

Lap

GUMBERLAND

U. MARYLAND

WESTERN

1500

1400

1300

1200

1100

1000

900

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700

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500

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300

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Beal Frame + Stone House

Old Plank Rd., Mt. Savage

John E. Nelson

Southwest

5/16/77





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Beal Frame + Stone House

Old Plank Rd. Mt. Savage

John E. Nelson

North east

5/16/77



A1-U-B-069 (Barn)

Beal Frame + Stone House

Old Plank Rd. Mt. Savage

John E. Nelson

East

5/16/77



AI-V-B-069

Beal Frame + Stone House

Old Plank Rd., Mt. Savage

John E. Nelson

Northeast

5/16/77